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MEETING SLATED FOR ADVISORY PANEL ON STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Teleconference offers opportunity for public comment

CHEYENNE - The Wyoming Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities (WAPSD) will hold a public meeting via teleconference on January 10, 2014 from 10 a.m. – noon.

To listen or participate in the meeting, call 1-877-278-8686. the pass code for the meeting is 095102.

The panel serves as a forum by which issues and benefits regarding current and potential services to individuals with disabilities are discussed. A specific agenda for the meeting will be available on the WDE's Special Programs web page at: edu.wyoming.gov/Programs/special_education/wapsd.aspx.

The purpose of the Wyoming Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities is to provide policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in the state (CFR 300.167). The Wyoming Advisory Panel exists under the authority of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Implementing Regulations (34 CFR 300 & 301).

Public Comment - Those wishing to provide public comments regarding the education of children with disabilities in Wyoming are encouraged to attend and make their comment any time between 11:30 a.m. – noon on January 10.

Individuals may call into the meeting to listen or offer comment using the number



1-877-278-8686 with a Pass Code of 095102. Public comments may be verbal or written. The limit for verbal comments is no more than five minutes; comments are to be factual and objective and will be taken under advisement by the panel.

The WAPSD meets most months either in-person at various venues around the state or virtually. To learn more about the WAPSD, its vision and mission, a list of current members and the work in which it has been involved, please go to http://edu.wyoming.gov/Programs/special_education/ wapsd.aspx or www.wpic.org/WAPSD.

For additional information regarding the Panel or information about how to provide public comment, please call the Panel's Administrative Assistant, Barb Yates, at 307-857-9253 or email barb.yates@wyo.gov.

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